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ON DEC 18 LABATT OBTAINED FOLLOWING TEXT OF A TELEGRAM TRAN QUOC
BUU SENT TO AUSTRALIAN ACTU PRES HAWKE ON DEC 12, 74. BEGIN QUOTE:
DEAR PRESIDENT AND COMRADE HAWKE: I HAVE READ WITH ALARM A STORY
IN THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD OF NOV 25, 74, ENTITLED VITAL
STEPS TOWARDS PEACE IN INDO-CHINA, IN WHICH IT REPORTS THAT A
PETITION IS BEING PREPARED TO CALL UPON YOUR GOVT TO DIP-
LIMATICALLY RECOGNIZE THE COMMUNIST "PRG". I WRITE THIS LETTER IN
THE HOPE THAT AS A TRADE UNIONIST IN A COUNTRY WITH A LABOR
GOVT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR GOVT UNDERSTAND THAT ANY FORM OF ACCEP-
TANCE OF THE "PRG" IS ACCEPTING A MOB OF TERRORISTS WHO SO FAR
HAVE MURDERED OVER 200 OF THE PROVISIONAL LEADERS OF OUR CVT
BECAUSE THE CVT WOULD NOT JOIN THEIR CONSPIRACY.

HAVING BEEN A PRISONER OF THE FRENCH ON CON SON ISLAND MYSELF,
I KNOW THAT PREFESSOR CAREY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT
WHEN HE REFERS TO CON SON ISLAND. THE "PRG" IS NOT A GOVT. IT
NEVER HAS BEEN A GOVT. IN AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED ELECTION
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CALLED FOR IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT, I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR FARMER-

WORKER PARTY WOULD BEAT THEM OVERWHELMINGLY. THIS, BUT THE WAY, IS WHY THE COMMUNISTS ARE AFRAID TO MEET AND NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF A SELF DETERMINATION ELECTION. I HOPE OUR COMRADES IN AUSTRALIA KNOW THAT FOR THE LAST 6 MONTHS THE COMMUNISTS HAVE REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS INTENDED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT TO BRING PEACE TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

IN THE SPIRIT OF PEACE AND FREEDOM, I ASK YOUR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING YOUR GOVT UNDERSTAND THAT ANYTHING THAT HELPS THE COMMUNISTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM HURTS ME AND THE CVT AND OUR FARMER-WORKER PARTY. AT LEAST, BEFORE YOUR GOVT MAKES A DECISION, I INVITE YOU AND ANY REP GROUP YOU SELECT TO VISIT SOUTH VIETNAM AND SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT IS THE TRUTH. FRATERNALLY, TRAN QUOC BUU. END QUOTE. MARTIN

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